

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3155
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DIGEST

The Texas Legislative Council is required by law (Section 323.007, Government Code) to carry out a complete nonsubstantive revision of the Texas statutes. The process involves reclassifying and rearranging the statutes in a more logical order, employing a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law, eliminating repealed, invalid, duplicative, and other ineffective provisions, and improving the draftsmanship of the law if practicable--all toward promoting the stated purpose of making the statutes "more accessible, understandable, and usable" without altering the sense, meaning, or effect of the law.

The proposed Occupations Code is a nonsubstantive revision of provisions of the existing statutes applicable to the licensing and regulation of certain professions and business practices, including the health professions, law enforcement and security professions, and certain sales activities, and to the operation and regulation of the gaming, sports, arts, and entertainment industries. The proposed code also codifies the statutes that govern the various state agencies and other entities that regulate the specific professions and occupations.

The proposed Occupations Code is a nonsubstantive revision of Texas law. The substance of the law has not been altered. The sole purpose of the code is to compile the relevant law, arrange it in a logical fashion, and rewrite it without altering its meaning or legal effect. If a particular source statute is ambiguous and the ambiguity cannot be resolved without a potential substantive effect, the ambiguity is preserved. H.B. 3155 creates the Occupations Code.

PURPOSE

As enrolled, H.B. 3155 creates the Occupations Code, a nonsubstantive revision of Texas law.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

Provides for the adoption of a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to the licensing and regulation of certain professions and business practices, including conforming amendments, repeals, and penalties.